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To IMBU'E. *v. a.* [*imbue*, Latin.] This word, which seems wanted in our language, has been proposed by several writers, but not yet adopted by the rest. *Imbu*, French, the participial adj. is only used.] To tincture deep; to imbibe with any liquor or die.

I would render this treatise intelligible to every rational man, however little versed in scholastick learning; among whom I expect it will have a fairer passage, than among those that are deeply imbued with other principles. *Digby.*

Cloaths which have once been thoroughly imbued with black, cannot well afterwards be dyed into lighter colour. *Boyle.*

Where the mineral matter is great, so as to take the eye, the body appears imbued and tinctured with the colour. *Woodw.*

To IMBU'RSE. *v. a.* [*bourse*, French.] To stock with money. This should be emburse, from *embourser*, French.

IMITABILITY. *n. f.* [*imitabilis*, Latin.] The quality of being imitable.

According to the multifariousness of this imitability, so are the possibilities of being. *Norris.*

IMITABLE. *adj.* [*imitabilis*, Latin; *imitable*, French.]

1. Worthy to be imitated.

How could the most base men, and separate from all imitable qualities, attain to honour but by an observant slavish course? *Raleigh's History of the World.*

As acts of parliament are not regarded by most imitable writers, I account the relation of them improper for history. *Hayw.*

2. Possible to be imitated.

The characters of men placed in lower stations of life, are more useful, as being imitable by greater numbers. *Atterbury.*

To IMITATE. *v. a.* [*imitare*, Latin; *imitate*, French.]

1. To copy; to endeavour to resemble.

We imitate and practise to make swifter motions than any out of your muskets. *Bacon.*

Despise wealth, and imitate a god. *Cowley.*

And imitate his language and his coat. *Man of Taste.*

2. To counterfeit.

This hand appear'd a shining sword to wield, And that sustain'd an imitated shield. *Dryden's Zen.*

3. To pursue the course of a composition, so as to use parallel images and examples.

For shame! what, imitate an ode! *Gay.*

IMITATION. *n. f.* [*imitatio*, Latin; *imitation*, French.]

1. The act of copying; attempt to resemble.

Since a true knowledge of nature gives us pleasure, a lively imitation of it, either in poetry or painting, must produce a much greater; for both these arts are not only true imitations of nature, but of the best nature. *Dryden.*

2. That which is offered as a copy.

A method of translating looser than paraphrase, in which modern examples and illustrations are used for ancient, or domestic for foreign.

In the way of imitation, the translator not only varies from the words and sense, but forsakes them as he sees occasion; and, taking only some general hints from the original, runs division on the groundwork. *Dryden.*

IMITATIVE. *adj.* [*imitativus*, Latin.] Inclined to copy.

This temple, less in form, with equal grace, Was imitative of the first in Thrace. *Dryden.*

IMITATOR. *n. f.* [*imitator*, Latin; *imitateur*, French.] One that copies another; one that endeavours to resemble another.

Imitators are but a servile kind of cattle, says the poet. *Dry.*

IMMACULATE. *adj.* [*immaculatus*, Latin; *immaculé*, Fr.]

1. Spotless; pure; undefiled.

To keep this commandment immaculate and blameless, was to teach the gospel of Christ. *Hooker.*

His words are bonds, his oaths are oracles; His love sincere, his thoughts immaculate. *Shakespeare.*

The king, whom catholics count a faint-like and immaculate prince, was taken away in the flower of his age. *Bacon.*

Were but my soul as pure From other guilts as that, heav'n did not hold One more immaculate. *Denham's Sophy.*

2. Pure; limpid. Improper.

Thou clear, immaculate, and silver fountain, From whence this stream, through muddy passages, Hath had his current and defil'd himself. *Shakef. Rich. II.*

To IMMEDIATE. *v. a.* [*immediatus*, Latin.] To fetter; to confine.

Thou canst not touch the freedom of my mind With all thy charms, although this corporal rind Thou hast immated. *Milton.*

IMMANE. *adj.* [*immanis*, Latin.] Vast; prodigiously great.

IMMANENT. *adj.* [*immanens*, French; *in* and *manens*, Latin.] Intrinsic; inherent; internal.

Judging the infinite essence by our narrow selves, we ascribe intellectual, volitions, and such like immanent actions, to that nature which hath nothing in common with us. *Glauco. Scip.*

What he wills and intends once, he wills and intended from all eternity; it being grossly contrary to the very first notions we have of the infinite perfections of the Divine Nature to state or suppose any new immanent act in God. *South.*

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IMMANIFEST. *adj.* [*in* and *manifest*.] Not manifest; not plain.

A time not much unlike that which was before time, immanifest and unknown. *Brown's Vulgar Errour.*

IMMANITY. *n. f.* [*immanitas*, Latin.] Barbarity; savageness.

It was both impious and unnatural, That such immanity and bloody strife Should reign among professors of one faith. *Shakef. H. VI.*

IMMARCESIBLE. *adj.* [*in* and *marcesco*, Latin.] Unfading.

IMMARTIAL. *adj.* [*in* and *martial*.] Not warlike.

My pow'rs are unfit, Myself immortal. *Chapman's Odyssey.*

To IMMASK. *v. a.* [*in* and *mask*.] To cover; to disguise.

I have cases of buckram for the nonce, to immask our noted outward garments. *Shakespeare's Henry IV.*

IMMATERIAL. *adj.* [*immaterial*, Fr. *in* and *materia*, Latin.]

1. Incorporeal; distinct from matter; void of matter.

Angels are spirits immaterial and intellectual, the glorious inhabitants of those sacred places, where there is nothing but light and immortality; no shadow of matter for tears, discontentments, griefs, and uncomfortable passions to work upon; but all joy, tranquillity, and peace, even for ever and ever, do dwell. *Hooker.*

As then the soul a substance hath alone, Besides the body, in which she is confin'd; So hath she not a body of her own, But is a spirit, and immaterial mind. *Davies.*

Those immaterial felicities we expect, suggest the necessity of preparing our appetites, without which heaven can be no heaven to us. *Decay of Piety.*

No man that owns the existence of an infinite spirit can doubt of the possibility of a finite spirit; that is, such a thing as is immaterial, and does not contain any principle of corruption. *Tillotson's Sermons.*

2. Unimportant; without weight; impertinent; without relation. This sense has crept into the conversation and writings of barbarians; but ought to be utterly rejected.

IMMATERIALITY. *n. f.* [*from immaterial*.] Incorporeity; distinctness from body or matter.

When we know cogitation is the prime attribute of a spirit, we infer its immateriality, and thence its immortality. *Watts.*

IMMATERIALLY. *adv.* [*from immaterial*.] In a manner not depending upon matter.

The visible species of things strike not our senses immaterially; but streaming in corporeal rays, do carry with them the qualities of the object from whence they flow, and the medium through which they pass. *Brown's Vulgar Errour.*

IMMATERIALIZED. *adj.* [*from in* and *materia*, Latin.] Distinct from matter; incorporeal.

Though assiduity in the most fixed cogitation be no trouble to immaterialized spirits, yet is it more than our imbedded souls can bear without lassitude. *Glauco. Scip.*

IMMATERIALNESS. *n. f.* [*from immaterial*.] Distinctness from matter.

IMMEDIATE. *adj.* [*in* and *materia*, Latin.] Not consisting of matter; incorporeal; without body.

It is a virtue which may be called incorporeal and immaterial, whereof there be in nature but few. *Bacon.*

After a long enquiry of things immerse in matter, I incorporate some object which is immaterial, or less material; such as this of founts. *Bacon.*

IMMATURE. *adj.* [*immaturus*, Latin.]

1. Not ripe.

2. Not perfect; not arrived at fulness or completion.

The land enterprise of Panama was an ill measured and immature counsel; for it was grounded upon a false account, that the passages were no better fortified than Drake had left them. *Bacon.*

This is your time for faction and debate, For partial favour, and permitted hate: Let now your immature dissension cease, Sit quiet. *Dryden.*

3. Hasty; early; come to pass before the natural time.

We are pleased, and call not that death immature, if a man lives till seventy. *Taylor's Rule of living holy.*

IMMATURELY. *adv.* [*from immature*.] Too soon; too early; before ripeness or completion.

IMMATURENESS. *n. f.* [*from immature*.] Unripeness; incompleteness; a state short of completion.

IMMATURETY. *n. f.* [*from immature*.] A state short of completion.

I might reasonably expect a pardon from the ingenious for faults committed in an immaturity of age and judgment. *Glan.*

IMMEASURABILITY. *n. f.* [*immeasurabilis*, Latin.] Want of power to pass.

From this phlegm proceeds white cold tumours, viscosity, and consequently immeasurability of the juices. *Arbutnot.*

IMMEASURABLE. *adj.* [*in* and *measure*.] Immeasurable; not to be measured; indefinitely extensive.

Churches reared up to an height immeasurably, and adorned with far more beauty in their restoration than their founders before had given them. *Hooker.*

From the shore

They view'd the vast immeasurable abyss, Outrageous as a sea, dark, wasteful, wild. *Milt. Par. Lost.*

Immeasurable strength they might behold

In me, of wisdom nothing more than mean. *Milt. Agonist.*

What a glorious show are those beings entertained with, that can see such tremendous objects wandering through those immeasurable depths of ether? *Addison's Guardian.*

Nor friends are there, nor vessels to convey, Nor oars to cut th' immeasurable way. *Pope's Odyssey.*

IMMEASURABLY. *adv.* [*from immeasurable*.] Immeasurably; beyond all measure.

The Spaniards immeasurably bewail their dead. *Spenser.*

There ye shall be led, and fill'd

Immeasurably; all things shall be your prey. *Milt. Par. Lost.*

IMMECHANICAL. *adj.* [*in* and *mechanical*.] Not according to the laws of mechanics.

We have nothing to do to show any thing that is immechanical, or not according to the established laws of nature. *Chayne.*

IMMEDIAL. *n. f.* [*immediate*, French, from *immediate*.] Personal greatness; power of acting without dependence. This is a harsh word, and sense peculiar I believe to Shakespeare.

He led our pow'rs,

Bore the commission of my place and person;

The which immediacy may well stand up,

And call itself your brother. *Shakef. King Lear.*

IMMEDIATE. *adj.* [*immediat*, French; *in* and *medius*, Latin.]

1. Being in such a state with respect to something else as that there is nothing between them; proximate; with nothing intervening.

Moses mentions the immediate causes, the rains and the waters; and St. Peter mentions the more remote and fundamental causes, that constitution of the heavens. *Burnet.*

2. Not acting by second causes.

It is much to be ascribed to the immediate will of God, who giveth and taketh away beauty at his pleasure. *Abbot.*

3. Instant; present with regard to time. Prior therefore should not have written more immediate.

Immediate are my needs, and my relief

Must not be toft and turn'd to me in words,

But find supply immediate. *Shakespeare. Timon.*

Death denounc'd that day,

Which he presumes already vain, and void,

Because not yet inflicted, as he fear'd,

By some immediate stroke. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*

But she, however of victory sure,

Contents the wreath too long delay'd;

And arm'd with more immediate pow'r,

Calls cruel silence to her aid. *Prior.*

IMMEDIATELY. *adv.* [*from immediate*.]

1. Without the intervention of any other cause or event.

God's acceptance of it, either immediately by himself, or mediately by the hands of the bishop, is that which vests the whole property of a thing in God. *South's Sermons.*

2. Instantly; at the time present; without delay.

Her father hath commanded her to slip

Away with Slender, and with him at Eaton

Immediately to marry. *Shakef. Merry Wives of Windsor.*

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My griefs ferment and rage,

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Rankle and fester, and gangrene

To black mortification. *Milton's Agonistes.*

IMMEMORABLE. *adj.* [*immemorabilis*, Latin.] Not worth remembering.

IMMEMORIAL. *adj.* [*immemorial*, French; *in* and *memoria*, Latin.] Past time of memory; so ancient that the beginning cannot be traced.

By a long immemorial practice, and prescription of an aged thorough-paced hypocrisy, they come to believe that for a reality, which, at first practice of it, they themselves knew to be a cheat. *South's Sermons.*

All the laws of this kingdom have some memorials in writing, yet all have not their original in writing; for some obtained their force by immemorial usage or custom. *Hale.*

IMMENSE. *adj.* [*immensus*, Fr. *immenfus*, Lat.] Unlimited; unbounded; infinite.

O goodness infinite! goodness immense!

That all this good of evil shall produce! *Milt. Par. Lost.*

As infinite duration hath no relation unto motion and time, so infinite or immense essence hath no relation unto body; but is a thing distinct from all corporeal magnitude, which we mean when we speak of immensity, and of God as of an immense being. *Grew's Cosmol.*

IMMENSELY. *adv.* [*from immense*.] Infinitely; without measure.

We shall find that the void space of our system is immensely bigger than all its corporeal mass. *Bentley's Sermons.*

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